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"I am proud to join Rep. Lofgren in introducing this bill to protect American families from being harassed by unsolicited, anonymous, and invasive political robocalls," said Rep. Campbell. "As we have seen during this presidential election, robocalls have been used to harass and overwhelm voters, oftentimes calling their households late at night. Americans deserve accountability and responsibility from their candidates for federal office, which is why I will continue to work on a bipartisan basis to approve this bill."

During the last few years, it has become clear that misuse of robocalls has continued to escalate," noted Rep. Lofgren. "This bill, which addresses the most abusive practices, is a good first step in helping to curb that escalation. Importantly, this bill is not an absolute ban on the use of robocalls. I understand and respect the importance of the First Amendment's protection of political speech and the benefits of robocall when used responsibly. This legislation ensures that political robocalls are used in a way that promotes, rather than discourages, meaningful participation by all Americans in the political process."

The bill imposes significant sanctions on groups or individuals who: make political robocalls between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m.; make more than two political robocalls to the same number in the same day; fail to disclose the party responsible for the political robocall; or block caller identification information.